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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Strategic Narcotics Intelligence

1. Attached is a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics as well as a copy of my letter to Secretary Eagleburger discussing my personal interest in the Plan's operational implementation.

2. As you can see, I have assured the Secretary that respective Chiefs of Station in the key narcotics producing and transshipment countries will assume a principle role in ensuring the timely dissemination of strategic narcotics information to headquarters level components. The CIA has a clearly prescribed role under E.O. 12333 for the collection, production, and dissemination of intelligence on foreign aspects of narcotics production and trafficking (Section 1.8.b.). And under Section 1.7.g. of the Executive Order, I have a responsibility to ensure that the procedures "governing criminal narcotics intelligence activities abroad. . . are consistent with foreign intelligence programs."

3. In this regard, I am instructing you to translate the collection objectives for which the Clandestine Service has assumed primary responsibility into Operating Directives for the key narcotics countries involved. I understand that in the past the HUMINT Collection Plan has not been pouched to individual stations. If a mechanism to ensure the prompt dissemination of strategic narcotics information collected by DEA, or other non-NFIP agencies with advisory tasking responsibilities is to work effectively, then the COS must be apprised of the collection responsibilities which all agencies have accepted.

4. It is not my intent here to alter existing procedures which govern the conduct and coordination by CIA and DEA of narcotics activities abroad. I am, however, particularly concerned that the narcotics intelligence collection objectives which are detailed in the HUMINT Plan form the basis for field activities and that the COS exercise on my behalf an integral role in

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complementing the country-team's responsibilities in the dissemination of strategic narcotics intelligence. I understand that the draft Memorandum of Understanding between CIA and DEA also contains language to this effect. In this regard, the COS should ensure that both the personal views and collection assets of [redacted] are incorporated into this effort.

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Acting Director

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